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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Meyer  
Serial No.: 10/532,997  
Filed: April 28, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 3651  
Examiner: Nicholson III, Leslie August  
Title: STEPCCHAIN LINK FOR AN ESCALATOR

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2006. Claims 35-70 remain in this application. Claims 1-34 have been cancelled, and claims 35-70 have been added. Please amend the application as follows.